

Prescribed Grazing Management Incentive Fact Sheet
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**EQIP Participant
Number**

EQIP Application

Purpose: To encourage grazing land producers to implement a planned deferred rotational grazing system to manage the grazing of livestock. The grazing system must be maintained for a minimum of 5 years. The initiation of a properly designed and managed grazing management system will improve rangeland health, similarity index and range trend.

Incentive Level: A maximum grazing management incentive of \$2.00 per acre per year will be paid in no more than 3 payments for the minimum of 5 years of grazing management.

NRCS will:

- Assist producers in determining carrying capacity.
- Will prepare Rangeland Health, Rangeland Similarity and Range Trend assessments.
- Give the producer an complete assessment of their current management system and what changes would have to be made to comply with the NRCS Prescribed Grazing Standard.
- Assist in the design of a planned grazing system for the ranch.
- If requested, make periodic reviews of the grazing system to determine if it is functioning properly.
- Assist producer in determining where to locate grazing exclosures.
- Determine grazing use prior to the beginning of the next growing season.

The EQIP participant will:

- Balance livestock and wildlife numbers with available forage resources by using a harvest efficiency of 25% or less. (This may require a reduction in livestock and/or wildlife numbers.)
- Develop and implement a drought plan when rainfall is below normal
- Construct grazing exclosures on key grazing sites to use in determining grazing use.
- Make a diligent effort to comply with grazing management plan.
- Work with NRCS conservationist or Technical Service Provider to learn how to determine when livestock should be rotated.

I have read the Prescribed Grazing Management Incentive Fact Sheet and my questions concerning the grazing management incentive have been answered.

Signature

Date